

## COLUMBIA NOTES

J. M. Peters was in Columbia this morning.

J. M. Squires went to Centralia this afternoon.

W. M. McCray left for St. Louis this afternoon.

H. C. Schwabe of Browns was in Columbia this morning.

W. R. Davis left on a business trip to St. Louis this afternoon.

J. W. Hedges returned this afternoon to his home at Halle'sville after visiting his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Forsee.

J. R. Johnston, a senior in the College of Arts and Science, left this afternoon for a short visit at his home at Santa Fe.

F. C. Brown of Little Rock, Ark., left this afternoon for Kansas City after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Brown.

Misses Frances and Dora Dulaney left this afternoon for their home at Slater, Mo., for a visit before the opening of the second semester.

Mrs. L. M. Foltz left this afternoon after transacting business here for a Chicago lyceum bureau. The bureau is considering placing a course here, she said.

## FIRST BILLS UP IN SENATE

**Initiation Funds Measure Engrossed—City Bill Proposition Introduced.**

The State Senate sent its first bill to engrossment yesterday. It was Senator Phelps' bill requiring that all appropriations for state institutions out of the general revenue fund and out of the collateral inheritance tax fund be paid on warrants drawn by the State Auditor instead of being drawn in monthly installments on blanket requisitions by boards of managers. The measure affects the University, normal schools, state hospitals, penitentiary and other state institutions.

Another bill was introduced yesterday afternoon to make it possible for the smaller cities to employ city managers. This measure provides for non-partisan aldermen, and gives them the right to employ the city manager from any part of the United States.

## TELLS OF CONNAWAY'S TALK

**Article on Lecture By M. U. Man at St. Joseph.**

A recent issue of The Earth tells of the address of Dr. J. W. Connaway, professor of animal husbandry of the University, before the St. Joseph Farm Congress, December 10. Doctor Connaway had an audience of 2,000 persons before whom he pointed out the symptoms of hog cholera in a living hog. The hog was then killed and every symptom plainly exposed. He explained to the audience the danger of hog cholera and the great good in fighting it. His lecture was scheduled to last thirty minutes but Mr. Connaway spent the next two hours answering questions and explaining his points further to the audience.

## "FREE SEEDS" TO BE RETAINED

**House Votes by 66 to 29 to Keep the Custom.**

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The House of Representatives voted today to continue the distribution of "free seeds," rejecting by a vote of 66 to 29 an amendment to the agricultural bill designed to end this privilege of the congressmen.

## ODD VISITOR FOR JOHN D., JR.

**"Mother Jones" Accepts Invitation to Discuss Labor Troubles.**

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—"Mother Jones," labor agitator from Colorado, here attending the industrial relations hearing of the Rockefeller Foundation, today accepted the oral invitation of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to visit his Broadway office later in the week and confer on the labor troubles.

## New Course in Soils Survey.

The soils department of the University offers a new course in soil surveying the coming semester. Field work which will equip a man with the necessary fundamentals for the proper undertaking of soil survey work, will be given. The course is being offered here for the first time, although for years graduates of the College of Agriculture have been going into national and state service along this line, and there has been a demand for this course in the University.

## THAT VACCINATION.

I am just a M. U. Student, I'm happy and I'm gay; I've nothing in the world to do but study night and day, but one thing makes me angry and wraithful as can be, that "Report for vaccination" in a notice sent to me. I never have a worry, I always pay the cash to frigid-faced landladies who huddle out my hash; I seldom lose my temper, but my soul was sorely grieved when "Report for vaccination" was the message I received. I'm studying for the finals, I can't sleep for the pain; I walk the floor and say things and then I try again; and if I flunk, in everything, the only cause will be that "Report for vaccination" and that notice sent to me.

B. K. B.

M. U. MAN COMPOSES  
NOTEWORTHY SONGS

**Musical Monitor and World Comments on Prof. W. H. Pommer.**

**"OF SERIOUS INTENT"  
"Maintains a High Standard in His Work," Says Magazine.**

Prof. W. H. Pommer, head of the music department of the University and composer of considerable note, came here from St. Louis where he was supervisor of music in the public schools. This is the eighth year he has been connected with the University.

The following is from the Musical Monitor and World, published in New York City:

"It is at least interesting to receive from a foreign publisher an attractively printed group of songs, bearing the signature of an American composer, and one who for several years has been associated with one of our own educational institutions, that at Columbia, Missouri. Mr. Pommer has been numbered among those Americans of serious intent in musical activity, and has maintained a high standard in his work, which standard is liberally attested in the subject in hand. That the songs are not imbued with great imagery, the immortal spark of inspiration, the stamp of an overpowering originality, is entirely a question of opinion. From a consideration of questions of fact, it must be said that they are the work of a scholar, they are sincere expressions of a writer who expresses himself, and who at least knows how to say just what he has to say. That he has for the first number of the series had the temerity to choose a text that is intimately associated with the name of another American, Mrs. Beach, detracts not a whit from the interest that is attached to his version of Browning's Pippa's Song. It has not the frenzied abandon of that other setting which has already become a classic in American song literature, but it is a consistent and lyric portrayal of the text, and is perhaps one of the best numbers in the group of eight which are included under the one opus number.

"On first thought it might seem unpatriotic to have the songs issued with a German imprint, but as a matter of fact it is highly significant of the progress of American creative art that our composers are fast forging their way into positions in the international catalogues, and are thus compelling recognition abroad such as has so often been denied to them in their own country."

## MICHIGAN 78 YEARS OLD TODAY

**Also Birthday of Library of Congress, a Senator and a Poet.**

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Today is the birthday of a state, a library, and a senator. Michigan is the state, being admitted into the Union on January 26, 1837. The library is the Library of Congress, the most complete institution of its kind in the world. Congress bought Thomas Jefferson's private library of 7,000 volumes for the use of Congress on January 26, 1815. Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania is celebrating his sixty-sixth birthday. And, in addition to these, the Caledonian Club and other Scottish organizations will honor tonight the memory of Robert Burns, today being his birthday.

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## THESE RATS JUST LOVE POISON

**Botany Greenhouse Rodents Seem to Thrive on Strychnine.**

Rats which have been causing damage in the botany greenhouse of the University, persistently refuse to be done away with. Rat biscuits by the dozen have been fed to them, with no apparent decrease in their numbers.

As University bred, the rodents seem to be fairly well educated. When students plant seeds for experimental purposes, the plantings are labeled by sticking little wooden paddles in the ground. Those seeds that are not labeled are ignored by the "educated" rats. Just why they should prefer the labeled grains to the unlabeled is not known.

But the greatest peculiarity of these rats is that they are apparently poison-proof. When it was found that rat biscuits failed, other means of extermination were tried, but all to no avail.

The latest to lend his efforts to solve the rat poison problem is D. J. Sullivan, technician of the botany and zoology departments. Mr. Sullivan, who was employed in the medical school at Harvard before coming to the University, claims to have dealt successfully with Massachusetts rats but frankly admits that the Columbia specimens have him "on the go."

Mr. Sullivan has performed a series of poison experiments on the greenhouse rats, and the results so far are surprising if not successful. Corn soaked with potassium cyanide, a sure-death poison, was first used. The first night nine rats were fixed. In the morning every kernel was gone, yet not a dead rat was in sight. The second night six rats were planted and labeled and the third night twelve rats, all with the same results.

Wheat and oats boiled in bichloride of mercury came next. The rats came to eat the grain, but not to die. Strychnine, the deadliest of poisons, next was called into action. Corn, soaked in quantities large enough to kill dozens of men, was planted. It disappeared, and the rats lived on.

During Farmers' Week several of the visitors were asked for good recipes to kill rats. One of these, a pasty compound of one-third ground glass and two-thirds corn meal, was tried. This the elusive creatures fairly relished. In two nights they made away with several platters of it.

Then strychnine on meat was tried. The morning after one lone rat, stiff and cold, was found on the greenhouse floor. At the time an autopsy of the rat was not thought of, but the next dead rat will be examined critically in the hope of finding out what becomes of the poison and why the rodents refuse to die.

## Short Course at McFall, Mo.

L. F. Childer and S. F. Simpson are conducting a short course in agriculture near McFall, Mo., this week.

## PRESS CONGRESS DELEGATES

**Governor Major Names Newspaper Men to Attend Exposition Meeting.**

Governor Major yesterday appointed the Missouri delegates to the International Press Congress, of which Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism of the University is a director. The congress will be held at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco, July 5 to 10. These are the delegates named by the governor:

Paul Brown, editor of The St. Louis Republic; Hal Gaylord of The Kansas City Journal; Colonel William R. Nelson of the Kansas City Star; Captain Henry King, editor of The St. Louis Globe-Democrat; Harry S. Jewell of The Springfield Leader-Democrat; E. S. Lewis of The St. Louis Star; George S. Johns of The St. Louis Post-Dispatch; George Scruton of The Sedalia Democrat-Sentinel and Charles D. Morris of The St. Joseph Gazette.

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## LOST

A Shaeffer fountain pen lost Friday afternoon between Academic Hall and Fifth street. Return to office in Library, Academic Hall. Reward. —J 115

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## FOR RENT

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